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The Honorable George Bush,
Director, Centrao Intelligence Agency
Langley, Va. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

To introduce myself, I have the honor to be the Chairman of the National Defense Study Section, The Commonwealth Club of California.

I congratulate you for the most informative, thorough, and interesting address that you delivered to the Club on 23 July, 1976. Also, to thank you for the welcome answer to my submitted question, "WHO SHOULD CONTROL SECRECY IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND TO WHAT EXTENT". This happens to be the subject of the current study and reporting to the Club of the National Defense Study Section.

We feel that this subject is one that concerns the very security of the country. Except for the espionage acts the Executive Orders are inadequate. Congress is bogged down so deeply that corrective laws will not be forthcoming for some time. The news media, and some congressmen, appear to be laboring under the misapprehension that "everyone has the right to know everything".

We will be most appreciative if your staff would forward any suggestions or background information that may assist us in this study. The fact that the ByLaws of the Club require that we maintain an impartial viewpoint will make our study rather difficult.

Thank you very much, and best wishes that the present administration continue on into 1977.

Very Cordially Yours

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